

Jordan Cove Project clarifies minor regulatory delays with Project updates

Pembina and Jordan Cove Project will adjust to minor permitting delays while hitting key benchmarks

March 25, 2019 – Coos Bay, OR -- The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Department of State Lands (ODSL) each recently announced minor delays in their respective permitting processes for the Jordan Cove Project (JCP). As the project applicant, Jordan Cove LNG has a responsibility to clarify what these delays mean for the Project.

FERC announced a delay of just over one month in Jordan Cove’s federal permitting process, due in part to the partial government shutdown last month, and the **Oregon Department of State Lands (ODSL)** requested an additional six months to process the complex and extensive application and the comments received on Jordan Cove’s “removal-fill” permit.

The Jordan Cove Project team continues to work collaboratively and transparently with all appropriate federal and state agencies as it moves progressively through the permitting process for the project. The Project is confident that the merits of its application will generate a favorable FERC permitting decision by January 2020. Jordan Cove is equally confident that its applications meet with the technical regulations of the ODSL, which will now make its decision in September 2019.

“Jordan Cove welcomes Oregon Department of State Lands’ request for additional time to consider our removal-fill permit. As would be expected for a project of this size, the extent of our DSL application is considerable and cannot reasonably be assessed and processed in the standard DSL timeline,” stated Tasha Cadotte, Communication and Community Manager for Jordan Cove. “In our experience, extensions like this are not unusual for projects of this size and complexity, so we didn’t hesitate to agree to DSL’s request. We remain on track for both the DSL and FERC processes.” added Cadotte.

ODSL must review all comments received during the comment period. According to Jordan Cove, that includes substantial and positive statements from a **majority of the landowners** along the proposed pipeline route, as well as a **majority of the elected leaders** in Klamath, Jackson, Douglas and Coos Counties, where the project will be built. Jordan Cove believes the credible views of landowners and elected officials will hold considerable weight as ODSL determines which opinions speak to the actual core permit issues: protection, conservation and best use of the state’s water resources, and the prevention of unreasonable interference with the use of state water and wetlands for fishing, navigation or public recreation.

While the federal and state agencies move permitting forward, Jordan Cove continues to make significant progress in other areas of the Project’s development:

- Jordan Cove has developed plans to invest **\$100 million in environmental protection, including reconnecting more than 100 acres of estuary and freshwater floodplain to restore endangered Coho salmon habitat** lost long ago, supportive of delisting Coho as an endangered species;
- Jordan Cove is exploring ways to **preserve old growth forest and wildlife habitat**, in cooperation with landowners;
- Working with service providers and non-profits throughout Southern Oregon, Jordan Cove has placed **more than \$600,000 in grants with local organizations**. Another round of grantmaking will take place in April;
- Jordan Cove has entered into an **innovative Cultural Resources Protection Agreement** with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI). This underscores its commitment to protecting cultural resources, outlining how Jordan Cove will work cooperatively with the Tribe to ensure protection of their cultural resources, and supports their extensive involvement in planning and monitoring our cultural resources work. Jordan Cove has negotiated cost recovery agreements with other Tribes to support their cultural resource protection efforts and has conveyed willingness to enter into similar agreements as part of its ongoing dialogue with Tribes.
- Jordan Cove continues **significant progress in reaching agreements with the many landowners all along the proposed pipeline route**, signing more agreements with landowners in the past four months than the previous decade under different project owners.

Cadotte concluded, “Administrative delays are commonplace for a project of this scale—and so good—for Oregon. The momentum is positive and the focus and diligence by regulators well-placed. We have the support of many thousands of Oregonians to thank for this. They understand that we share their strong environmental values, will contribute our fair share in substantial taxes and will create thousands of jobs and opportunity for people today, tomorrow, and in the future.”